

Walter Johnson Goes Under Knife, But Shivers At Thought of Having Second Tonsil Removed

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Now Seeking Courage to Have Other One Gracefully Snipped.

LAJOIE TRADE AGAIN TURNS UP SMILING

Jack Powell Threatens to Retire From the National Game.

By "SENATOR"

Walter Johnson, prince of pitchers, has had one tonsil removed and is now seeking sufficient courage to have the other one taken out. This, doubtless, will come as a surprise to his many friends all around the country who, judging from his immense bulk, would conclude that a mere tonsil operation would be a bagatelle to him. But that isn't so and his letter to the writer today proves it.

"I didn't enjoy New Year Day at all," says Johnson. "I had one of my tonsils removed and can't say I enjoyed it much. I shall have the other taken out just as soon as I can get up enough courage to go back to the doctor's office."

"I have enjoyed the winter so far, we have had such fine weather. It's snowing now, though."

"Do you know where we practice this spring? I haven't heard a thing about it."

Joins the Club.

By his operation Johnson is now an accredited member of the Climbers' tonal club. However, he will not get his union card from President Howard Shanks until he gets up that courage and has the second objectionable organ sent to the butcher. At present the members are: President, Howard Shanks; vice president, John Henry; treasurer, Arnold; and secretary, Daniel Moeller. This club is affiliated with those of the Giants, White Sox and Red Sox.

Joe Engel, the Climbers' milk-bottle finger, is wearing a broad grin today. He has signed his 1913 contract, and after looking at the figures, has discovered that he will be able to buy one cigar per week more than he could last year. In other words, he gets a raise. Shanks, Joe, you've "done good."

The Cleveland magnates are not denying the story that Larry Lajoie will be traded before the season opens and, on that account, many believe that this deal will go through. According to the dope, Lajoie and Turner will go to the White Sox in return for Harry Lord and Rola Zelder.

May Be Yankee.

Then there's another yarn that puts Lajoie in New York with the Yankees. So far, however, no confirmation can be obtained for this one. It's certain that Joe Birmingham will not take money for the big Frenchman, and it's hard to see what players Chance has to use in a swap.

Ho, ho! here's a good laugh. Rather than go to Louisville, Jack Powell, the Mount City mascot, says he'll retire. He wants his unconditional release. If the Browns are going to let him go, as a reward for his lengthy service in St. Louis. He says he can get a job with two or three big league teams. Rare-bits are bad for the mascot, evidently, just before turning in for the night.

Harry Davis, Cleveland's colossal failure in the managerial line for 1912, has caught on with the Mackmen once more, and will go South in the capacity of coach. Connie Mack thinks Davis can be of considerable use, and will have him scouting as soon as the necessary arises.

Will Play Reds.

The Tigers and the Tinklers will clash at Mobile next March. Indeed, two games are scheduled, on the 8th and 9th. This is only two weeks after the Tigers arrive at their training quarters. The games will hardly be of consuming interest, even for Mobile.

Willy Locke will take up his residence in Philadelphia next week. This would look as if he had settled his purchase of the Phillies. Also, Willy says that the story to the effect that the Phillies would play at Shibe Park next season is a "midwinter pipe," to use his own words.

Connie Mack hands a beautiful boost to F. Leroy Chance, Yankee leader. He says: "Frank Chance is a great man. He can't win next year, on dope. Still, baseball is mighty uncertain. I know this much—his joining the Yankees means more classy ball in the American League."

Another Holdout Signs.

George Chalmers, who has been howling for more money before signing his Philadelphia contract, has come in out of the cold and will accompany the Phillies to the training quarters.

Work is progressing on the Highlands new park at Kingsbridge. Broadway and 25th street. The big concrete and steel structure will not be completed until next October, though the Yankees using the Polo Grounds this coming season.

The new stands will seat 20,000 fans. Left field will be the sun field. The New York Central will have a special track to the park, thus enabling the fans to reach the park in short order. The running time from Port Jervis to the park is estimated at sixteen minutes.

Harvard Star Snaps Tendon in Joke Race

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 10.—Charles Brickley, Harvard's sensational football player, and Jennie Cummings, captain of the track team, indulged in a 100-yard dash for fun, with the result that Brickley is out of indoor track athletics for the present season. He pulled a tendon in his left leg, reopening an old injury.

Cornell on List.

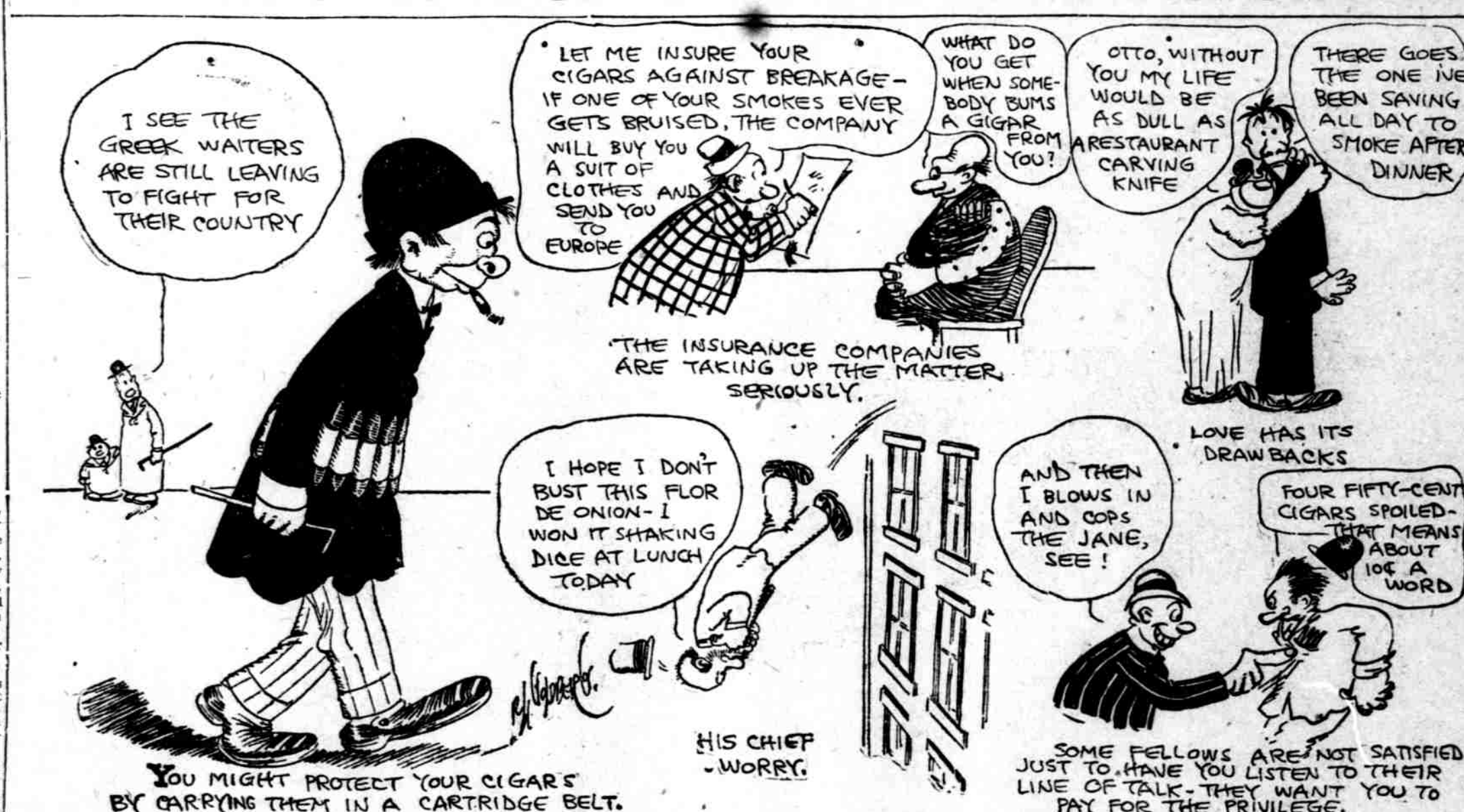
NEW HAVEN, Jan. 10.—Cornell replaces the University of Pennsylvania in the Yale tennis schedule for the coming season. An announcement, that the Yale tennis team, including a New Haven; May 17, Columbia, at New York; May 24, Harvard, at Cambridge; May 26, Dartmouth, at New Haven; May 31, Amherst, at New Haven.

Quartet Is Coming.

"Ruck" O'Brien, Hugh Bradley, Marty McHale, and Bill Lyons, the well-known Red Sox quartet, appear at the Cosmos next week and the fans are expected to give them a royal welcome.

SOME DAY THEY'LL GET WISE AND MANUFACTURE IRON CIGARS

By Goldberg



RACING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES DATES FOR MEETS IN 1913

Two Tracks Not Expected to Be in Operation During Season.

Two Baltimore tracks are expected to be put out of commission on account of the ruling of the racing commission in regard to the pari-mutuel system of betting. At a meeting of the commission for the allotment of 1913 racing dates yesterday two tracks were not represented.

Just forty-three racing dates were allotted by the commission, which is composed of Redmond C. Stewart, Spalding Lowe Jenkins and Frederick Von Kappf. Of these, the Maryland Jockey Club secured twenty-six days, sixteen in the spring and ten in the fall; the Maryland United Hunts, five; the Electric Park Amusement Company, six; and the Timonium Fair Association, six.

Racing at the different tracks in Baltimore county will be as follows: Maryland Jockey Club, Pimlico, spring meet, May 2 to 29, inclusive; fall meet, November 1 to 12.

Maryland United Hunts, Pimlico, September 28, 29, 30, 31 and June 1.

Electric Park Amusement Company, Electric Park, May 21 to 27.

Timonium Fair Association, Timonium, Md., September 2 to 8.

The dates assigned to the Maryland United Hunts, it was announced by the commission, were only tentative, owing to some little hitch which had been caused, it was said, by the promoters of the Electric Park course objecting to the dates given to them. However, the little possibility of the commission making any alterations in the dates which were given out yesterday.

Cobb and Rucker May Play Against Superbas

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—By Cobb and Nap Tucker are expected to play against the Superbas at Augusta, Ga., this spring. They will have a team of their own and want to play a number of games with big league teams training in Georgia. They have written to the Brooklyn and Boston National League clubs for dates.

Brooklyn's training schedule now consists of the following games: March 21, 22—Newark in Augusta; March 28, 29—Newark in Savannah; April 1, 2—Richmond in Richmond (doubtful); April 3, 4—Washington in Washington; April 5—Newark in Brooklyn; April 6—Newark in Newark; April 8—Tale in Brooklyn (doubtful).

Jimmy Price Starts His Duties as Commissioner

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—James R. Price, one of the best known sporting writers in this country, today began his initial duties as the third member of the State Athletic Commission, having just been appointed to that office by Governor Sulzer, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James E. Sullivan. At present the members of the commission serve without compensation, but have an allowance for expenses. A bill is now before the legislature for the purpose of making each commissioner a salary of \$2,000 a year.

Sets New Record.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—Henry J. Hebler, of the Illinois Athletic Club, is today the holder of a new world's 150-yard backstroke swimming record, following his feat at the Central A. A. C. championships last night, when he swam the distance in 1:50.4. He lowered the previous record held by himself, by 1:15 seconds.

Johnson Is Barred.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—Jack Johnson's short training spell came to a sudden stop today following his outsting from O'Connell's gymnasium yesterday. The same action is likely to be taken against him in all three other big gyms in the city.

"Johnson's presence was hurting my business," O'Connell explained. "Several of my pupils said they would quit if he came here again."

BINGLES AND BUNTS

By Grantland Rice

For the first time in quite a collection of moons the American League in New York can sit up and take notice. It has been a long, unkept trail, but the younger organization at last has slipped into the open highway on Manhattan Isle, with the speedway opening beyond and a few hurdles left to take.

Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, and Detroit in the Johnsonian corral have all blown themselves to one or more sets of flags. The first three have achieved five world championships in the last nine years. In addition to which the Senators have emerged from their ancient rut—the lowly Browns have scrambled out of the grotto, where the only bolstering needed was in New York, where McGraw had planted the National League flag above the city walls and thereby put the older circuit out in front.

The Shift

Having crossed the bleak wilderness after a good many years, Yankee followers in Manhattan have something to follow at last with Frank Chance piping the bugle call to arms and there'll be merry days ahead for all concerned when these two old rivals of Cub-Giant warfare begin hammering for supremacy within the same city walls.

The Giant entourage is already established and with the Chance-Farrell combination there's no reason why the Highlanders shouldn't absorb a share of the fanatical spoil.

Another High Spot.

The addition of Chance to the Highland roster offers another high spot to observe through the season ahead which had already given promise as the keenly interesting of all campaigns.

The old Cub Wonder—the P. L. of the Old Machine—as great a leader as he is, hasn't any Tinker-Evers-Kling combination to start with, and those who look for a winner right off the tee will be launching a mistake. Chance hasn't the material to start with that either of his sidekicks—Evers or Tinker—have with the Cubs and Reds, and the wild frenzy of enthusiasm over his American League debut shouldn't be followed by any loud roar if he should fail to romp home with a pennant and a world championship his first year out.

Some one has figured out the finances showing that the late Bresnahan snarl cost Mrs. Britton, all told, a matter of \$66,500. Suppose it did?

White Sox May See Bullfight on Trip

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 10.—If Charles Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox, wants some real blood-stirring excitement, he can find it by stopping with his team when the latter plays an exhibition game here April 1. Local fans think that Comiskey would appreciate a bull fight, so they are going to arrange such an affair, and Comiskey is to be extended the privilege of being a matador—that is, if such a concession can be closed as a privilege. All that Comiskey will have to do is to kill a bull, but how he is to do the trick or what kind of a bull it is going to be has not been determined.

Will Come South.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10.—Instead of taking the usual Easter vacation at Atlantic City this year, the University of Pennsylvania baseball team will journey through the South, meeting the teams from Southern colleges in an effort to get in first-class condition for the coming season. Sixteen veterans will report this year.

Texas League Meets.

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 10.—The directors of the Texas Baseball League rounded up in this city today for their annual meeting. Aside from the election of officers, the chief item of business will be the disposition of the Austin franchise, which has been on the market for some time.

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Bombardier Wells Will Meet McCarty in Gotham

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Luther McCarty, the new white heavyweight champion, and Bombardier Wells, the British champion, will meet in a ten-round bout in this city next month. The exact date has yet to be determined, but it is expected that the two men will battle at the Madison Square Garden.

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What's a matter of \$66,500—or \$666,500—to a woman with her mind made up, provided she has or hasn't the necessary kale?

If Prof. Chance could use the services of the best base runner in the business we call his attention to Bill Rockefeller who has remained untaged and unflagged along the tow paths for the past ten years. Ty Cobb is a cross between Tom Needham and Ping Bodie in comparison.

Jar 57 Located.

We respectfully call B. L. T.'s attention to the fact that Mr. Palmer has slipped in after dusk and made away with Jar 57 from the Cannery, labeled "Robbed by the Referee." Whenever he finds said jar missing a quick search among the latest crop of defeated pugs will clear the mystery at once.

In the meanwhile Prof. McCarty is still hurrying across the continent with Jar 46, "Entitled to a Rest," bulging from his overcoat pocket, but well wrapped and securely corked.

The Old Gag Bobs Up.

Enter the old argument as to which is the greater manager—Chance or McGraw. No less than fourteen earnest non-combatants had re-entered this morose within twelve hours after the late deal was closed.

Not to delay matters too long, we have decided to save the answer for editions preceding the day of combat, when the two hook up in a world series and go again to the mat together. For, in the meanwhile, Mr. McGillicuddy may arise at any moment and interrupt the debate with the sound of heavy Balkan artillery and the whirl of many winks in action. To say nothing of a cross-fire from Commander Fred Clarke, who is likely to touch off the shrapnel and blow up the works just as the answer is about to be launched.

We note they are still "trading" Larry Lajoie. With all the regular stuff to work on, it seems a shame to pound an old standby so unmercifully with possible duller days ahead. As usual, the correct answer will be found in the first box score of a Cleveland battle, especially the summary dealing with the two and three-base hits.

It may be of some interest as to what Chance will draw down as a yearly stipend, but the main detail after all years around to the "logical position" of the Yanks from April 10 until October 5. In this game it isn't what you can get, but what you can get away with, that frames the final repartee.

Banquets Eleven.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Jan. 10.—Seventy-five members of the football squad and the coaches and members of the athletic committee banqueted Capt. Vincent J. Pazzetti and his victorious Lehigh football eleven last night. Lehigh had one of the best teams in its history last fall, defeating Pennsylvania, Navy, Lafayette, and Swarthmore.

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Chit-Chat From the Hilltop

Johnny Gallagher, Georgetown's crack distance man, resumed track work yesterday and appears to be in fine shape as the result of the races in which he participated during the Christmas vacation. With the former Yale runner in shape Coach Mulligan can feel confident of scoring heavily in the long races as Gallagher has but few equals in the collegiate world at distances of a mile or over.

Leo Lawlor is improving in his form considerably and it would not be surprising to see the Coedersport boy break into the scoring at some of the coming indoor meets. Lawlor lacks experience at the running game and the Hilltop coaches are confident that after participating in a few races he will develop into a middle distance runner of no mean ability. Lawlor finished nineteenth in the cross country race at Baltimore, but even then showed much promise.

George Van Dyne reported to Coach Mulligan on Wednesday and looks to be in fairly good shape. Van Dyne works in the quarter mile events, when running for the Central High School. A great deal of this city, was of the highest order, and a great deal is expected of him as a collegiate runner. Van Dyne's best performance while wearing the Blue and White of the O street institution was at the John Hopkins meet.

There is some chance that Dave Waldron, who is a letter man in both football and baseball, may decide to report for the track team. If the Greenburg athlete reports he should be able to make a track letter by doing some scoring in the weight events.

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